



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : David C. CUSHING et al.
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Commissioner of Patents
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed April 18, 2006, the time for reply having been extended until August 18, 2006, by the attached petition, please amend the above-referenced application and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.